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Comment. The following information supplements reported a plan of Morth China businessmen for combatting the economic and military crisis in that area.

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- 1. Certain Japanese (in North China) are being interviewed secretly by a group 25X1X of Chinese businessmen in that area with a view to enlisting Japanese aid in the businessmen's plans for economic rehabilitation. Such Japanese are also invited to recruit trustworthy friends in Japan to aid in the reopening of industries in North China.
- 2. The president of the Bank of China recently brought back to Shanghai six Japanese experts for the bank. He employed these Japanese in Mukden, and returned to Shanghai by way of Peiping. The president also plans to open a branch in Tokyo, and several employees of the bank will soon go there for that purpose. Branches in Japan are also planned for Osaka, Nagoya and Moji or Shimonoseki.

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